

City of Middletown  
Finance & Government Operations Commission Agenda  
**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**  
Municipal Building Room 208 at 7:00 PM

**Regular Meeting**

Present: Ronald Klattenberg, Joseph Bibisi, Philip Pessina, Carl Erlacher, Thomas Serra, William Russo, Hope Kasper (arrived at 7:25pm), Geen Thazhampallath, Bruce Driska, Corinne O'Toole, Jessie Trageser, Kevin Trageser, Kayla Brown, Amanda Bomely, Christine Brown, Isil Gecer, Ryan Vecchitto, Colin Horne

Absent: None

Kayla Brown (student from MHS) asked Councilman Thomas Serra if the Tennis Courts were going to be ready at Middletown High School for this coming Spring season.

Councilman Serra explained that there are many factors that are involved, the up in coming election, the cost, weather. They will be done but as to the time frame a definite answer can't be given at this time.

1. Ronald Klattenberg called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2013 Finance and Government meeting. Philip Pessina made the motion to approve and Thomas Serra seconded.

2. Public Comments on the Agenda: None

3. The following Departments have submitted items to be discussed:

- **Parking Department – Appropriation Request for \$125,000 for Parking Arcade repairs; transfer of Ford Taurus from Planning & Zoning to Parking Department**

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Geen Thazhampallath discussed the October Council Meeting approving the resolution for \$125,000 appropriation for the repairs to the Parking Arcade. In addition to that a separate resolution for \$42,000 from the Parking Fund be made. The actual formality requires that there also be an adjoining appropriation from the General Fund to match the two. Total cost of \$167,000 to be completed. Thomas Serra made the motion to approve Phil Pessina seconded; two in favor, one abstention and one abstained.

The second item Geen discussed was the transfer of a 1997 Ford Taurus from the Planning and Zoning Department to the Parking Department.

Tom made the motion to approve and Phil seconded.

- Approved unanimously -

- **Other —**

**Carl Erlacher stated that Bruce Driska be heard regarding a request to increase the CNR line item for Emergency Management.**

Bruce Driska requested the need for the approval to increase the CNR line item to \$46,000 for a new Ford XL F-350 4x4 Truck. This vehicle was on the state bid, but it was only for the base model, the Emergency Management Department requires the additional monies to add the lights, sirens, plow and other emergency items. If this is approved by this commission this evening then it will go forward to the next Council meeting as a resolution, no appropriation is required just a motion to forward to the Council.

Phil made the motion to send to the council floor and Tom seconded.

- Approved unanimously to send to the Council Floor —

Tom Serra mentioned the Police Departments \$20,000 that the commission withheld?

Carl stated he had not heard from the Police Department but asked if they would like to do it the same way, draft a resolution and send it to the Council Floor. The response was, yes.

Ronald Klattenberg discussed another request to send to the Council Floor, this one is from the Mayor's Office requesting a \$10,000 Appropriation to increase the Holiday on Main Street. Tom made the motion to approve and Phil seconded.

- Approved unanimously to send to the Council Floor –

Tom also discussed an Appropriation for \$8,200 coming out of the General Fund. He stated that he would like to move this to the Council Floor for discussion with the Planning Director. Phil seconded to move to the Council for discussion.

- **Public Works – Resolution to transfer \$14,000 of FY 12-13 CNR funds to new line: Resolution for bid waiver for purchase and installation of tree lights at the South Green totaling \$25,980**

William Russo discussed the removal of the old tree lights and using a leasing company in the future for the Holiday Tree located at the South Green. Next year he would like to send this out to bid. Joe Bibisi made the motion to approve and Phil seconded.

-Approved unanimously to send to the Council Floor-

**\*\* Hope Kasper arrived at 7:25pm \*\***

Bill also discussed the transferring of \$14,000 within the Public Works budget to establish a new line item for the purchase of an additional Flail Axe; over the rail mower. Phil made the motion to approve, Tom seconded.

-Approved unanimously to send to the Council Floor-

Phil made the motion to approve and Tom seconded.

-Approved unanimously to send to the Council Floor-  
Carl instructed the commission to refer to General Fund  
Appropriations as of 7/1/13 to present at the end of the packet  
totaling \$863,237.38.

4. Regular Reports

- Informational only

5. The next meeting is November 27, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Room 208

Meeting Adjourned

Tracks: MZ000024-30

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tracy Vess on behalf of Carl R. Erlacher